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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

Conference with Mr. Kenneth R. Hansen, Assistant Deputy Administrator for Mutual Defense Assistance Control. (Administration of the Battle Act) in MSA (now Foreign Operations Administration) (27 July 1953)

1. In view of the day to day nature of its work as an operating agency Mr. Hansen stressed the interest of the office of the Administrator of the Battle Act in securing information as promptly as possible. His office prefers working papers, copies of drafts in process and any such material rather than waiting for formal publication.

2. The principal need of this Agency in fact, at present, is for spot information and for the analysis of specific trade channels including names of firms, particular products, particular transactions, etc. In the future they expect to place greater emphasis upon enforcement. To this end they desire all possible information upon illegal trade with the Soviet Bloc, that is illegal under the laws and regulations of any country with which the U.S. Government has influence. The needs of this agency thus appear to have increased particularly for covert intelligence information and for the organization of such information on a particular trade operation to a point where action on it with a foreign government becomes possible.

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